Infrastructural facilities and human resources in higher education

†*27. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount required for establishing infrastructural facilities and human resources for teaching to achieve the higher education, target of 15 per cent separately, and in which manner and from which sources the same would be raised;

(b) the projection as to the number of students likely to opt for technical education in the field of higher education and the number of industrial establishments which have agreed to co-opt in this field; and

(c) whether it is a fact the policy of reservation for SCs/STs in technical institutions has been a failure and their dropout rate is increasing; if so, the plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) In the Eleventh Plan, a target has been set to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of the students in the eligible age group of 18-24 years in higher education by 5 percentage points by the end of Eleventh Plan. Provision for infrastructural and other requirements for this purpose is required to be made by Central and State Governments. Within the constraint of availability of resources an amount of Rs. 84,943 crores has been provided by the Central Government in the Eleventh Plan for various schemes for enhancing access to quality higher education, while ensuring equity. The Eleventh Plan has a scheme of incentivizing the State Governments for enhancing the intake capacity of the existing institutions as well as for starting new institutions, and also Schemes of Assistance to the State Governments and State Universities for starting 374 degree colleges and assistance to State Governments for starting 600 Polytechnics. It is estimated that the faculty strength may have to be increased by approximately 20% so as to achieve the target of increase in GER by 5% while maintaining the quality.

According to the Working Group on Technical Education for Eleventh Plan, constituted by the Government, the projected annual intake in Technical Education growth for Engineering, Master of Computer Applications (MCA) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) is as under:-

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Engineering	759977	873973	1005069	1155830
MCA	84482	97154	111727	128486
MBA	122376	140732	161842	186119

There is no bar on private not-for-profit trusts or societies to establish educational institutions, including technical educational institutions. In so far as Central Educational Institutions imparting technical education, such as the Indian Institutes of Technology, coming directly under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource evelopment, are concerned, the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

policy of reservation is being implemented successfully and the drop out rates of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes students are not found to be increasing.

Agreement for child protection with UNICEF

*28. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India has entered into a new agreement with UNICEF to check violence against children and reduce the rate of HIV/AIDS among adolescents during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up child protection units in different States under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this programme would go a long way to help SC/ST children, especially the girls; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) for 2008-2012 was signed by Government of India with UNICEF on June 3, 2008, with the overall goal to advance the fulfilment of the rights of all children and women in India to survival, development, participation and protection by reducing social inequalities. The CPAP focuses on the reduction of infant mortality and maternal mortality rates, fighting undernutrition, tackling HIV/AIDS in children and adolescents, providing quality education, ensuring safe water and environmental sanitation, as well as progress on child protection issues.

(c) to (f) Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme' (ICPS) for implementation during the Eleventh Plan Period with the objective to provide a safe and secure environment to all children including girls and children from SC/ST communities who are in need of care and protection as well as children in conflict with law in the country. Under this Scheme, provision has been made for setting up of State Child Protection Society (SCPS) for every State and also for District Child Protection Society (DCPS) in every district of the country for coordination and effective implementation of the child protection legislation, schemes and achievement of child protection goals laid out in the National Plan of Action for Children 2005, at the State level and district level respectively. The Scheme is yet to receive competent approvals.

High Court Bench at Thiruvananthapuram

*29. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :